

(Big Meadows)

Praterville Plumas Co., Cal.

Sept 17, 1878

Dear Friend, Dr. Gray,

Your Postal is received. Our good friend Canby had given me the same name to the plant, which you give, & told me "It was a rare find," and also desired more specimens. I did not find it this summer in collecting, and our home now, is fifty miles from where I found it last year.

I think I have some specimens left from last year, but they are still in the boxes, with many other plants, as I packed them nearly a year ago,

And as I am going to make the ascent of Mt. Lassen the last of this week, cannot look them over, till after my return. I have some other specimens that I have been storing for you, & hope to add more on the coming excursion.

I was disappointed that I did not get to see you & Sir Joseph D. Hooker, when you were in Cal. I had laid by a good many specimens for you both.

I made a trip to Fern Dell, where *Darlingtonia* grows, in August, & took a few hurried notes, which I copy for you, trusting they may be interesting to you.

Hooker wrote me after his return home, & sent me

his
"Address, delivered before The Royal Society. I was pleased with the portion referring to 'The Big Trees'."

Your Lecture of Apr. 18. '78 was handed me this morning. Thanks! Shall read it with interest.

I have had no word from Mr. Lemmon, since the burning of "The Dio Lewis Bubble." He was then bound for Yosemite.

I secured leaves of the three willows sent to Mr. Watson, in the first pkg, sent this year. I also sent some to Mr. Bebb, & will send Mr. W. some, with aments also, when I send your
Grove.

Yours very truly
R. M. Austin